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Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture

on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 1-1067/81) for

- I. a decision on the conclusion of the Agreement, in the form of an exchange of letters, establishing fishing arrangements between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway for 1982
- II. a regulation laying down for 1982 certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Norway

Rapporteur: Mr R. BATTERSBY

By letter of 24 February 1982 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC, to deliver an opinion on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities for:

- I. a Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement, in the form of an exchange of letters, establishing fishing arrangements between the European Economic Community and Kingdom of Norway for 1982,
- II. a Council regulation (EEC) laying down for 1982 certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Norway

and requested that the urgent procedure be applied, pursuant to Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure.

On 1 March 1982, the President of the European Parliament referred these proposals to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible.

The Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr Battersby rapporteur.

It considered the Commission's proposals and the motion for a resolution at its meeting of 8 March 1982 and adopted the motion for a resolution at that meeting by 14 votes with 2 abstentions.

The following took part in the vote: Mr Früh, acting chairman and vice-chairman; Mr Colleselli, vice-chairman; Mr Battersby, rapporteur; Mr Alavanos (deputizing for Mr Adamou), Mr Clinton, Mr Dalsass, Mr Diana, Mr Kaloyannis, Mr Ligios, Mr Maher, Mr Provan, Mr Stella (deputizing for Mr Helms), Mr Thareau, Mr Vernimmen, Mr Vitale and Mr Woltjer.

The Committee on Agriculture hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(82)25 final),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 1-1067/81),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc.1-7/82),
 - considering the importance of good fisheries relations between the European Community and Norway both for Community and Norwegian fishermen,
1. Approves the conclusion of the Agreement, in the form of an exchange of letters, establishing fishing arrangements between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway for 1982;
 2. Considers, however, that in future it would be desirable for the Community and Norway to reach agreement on whether certain stocks are joint or exclusive, so as to avoid the management problems which may result from the present situation;
- 2a. Calls on the Commission to examine the inter-relationship between the summer sprat fishery in the centre of Zone IV b and the winter sprat fishery in the Western half of Zone IV b to establish whether or not high catch levels in the one have a negative effect on the other;

3. Approves the proposal for a regulation laying down, for 1982, certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Norway;
4. Welcomes the fact that this proposal provides for fishing licences to be withdrawn if Norwegian vessels fail to comply with the measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources laid down by the Community;
5. Lastly, calls on the Commission to examine the situation arising from the referendum of 23 February 1982 in Greenland, particularly insofar as it could affect the EEC/Norway agreement.

